

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY

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Pono Market: 1st business to sell Kaua'i Bus passes

KAPA'A – In an effort to further enhance customer service, the county is partnering with Pono Market on the sale of Kaua'i Bus passes. The market is located in Kapa'a at 4-1300 Kūhi'ō Highway.

Starting Monday, May 21, Pono Market will be selling bus passes for \$25 apiece via cash transactions only. The market's normal hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pono Market is the first business that has stepped to the plate to sell the bus passes, which up until now have only been available through the Treasury Division at the Līhu'e Civic Center and the Kaua'i Bus office. The bus passes can also be ordered through the mail.

"We're delighted that Bob Kubota, a long-time Kaua'i businessman, has agreed to sell monthly bus passes at his market, and I'd like to thank Council Vice Chair JoAnn Yukimura for initiating this arrangement," said Mayor Bernard Carvalho, Jr. "Collaboration is key for us to achieve the goals we seek."

The county is also in discussion with other businesses around the island about selling the bus passes.

"Having bus passes available for purchase at local businesses has been one of the goals of the Transportation Agency for a while so it's very nice to see this come to fruition," said Celia Mahikoa, executive on transportation.

Monthly bus passes can also be purchased at the Līhu'e Civic Center at the motor vehicle registration window Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., except on holidays.

Another option is to purchase a one- or six-month (\$120) or an annual (\$240) bus pass at The Kaua'i Bus office located on Hoʻolako St. across from police headquarters.

For the mainline routes, individual fares are \$2 for adults, while seniors and youths ages seven to 18 pay \$1 for one-way travel. Children, six and under, ride free when accompanied by an adult.

Fares for the shuttle routes are less – 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for seniors and youths ages seven to 18.

The Kaua'i Bus operates Monday to Friday from 5:15 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., depending on the route. On Saturdays, Sundays and most holidays, it runs on a reduced schedule.

No bus service is offered on the following holidays: Thanksgiving; Christmas; and New Year's Day.

Bus route information is posted at most bus stops and on the county website.

Brochures listing bus routes are available on all county buses and at a number of businesses around the island including: all Times Market locations; Kukui Grove Center management office; and Safeway.

For more information about The Kaua'i Bus, please go to the county website, www.kauai.gov or call 241-8111.

Mayor Carvalho's Holo Holo 2020 vision for Kaua'i calls for all organizations, businesses, residents and visitors on Kaua'i to be part of creating an island that is sustainable, values the native culture, has a thriving and healthy economy, cares for all – keiki to kupuna – and has a responsible and user-friendly local government.



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